HABITAT CHECK-OFF CERTIFICATE

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Osenbaugh Grass Seeds
Swanson Seed Farm

Allendan Seed Company
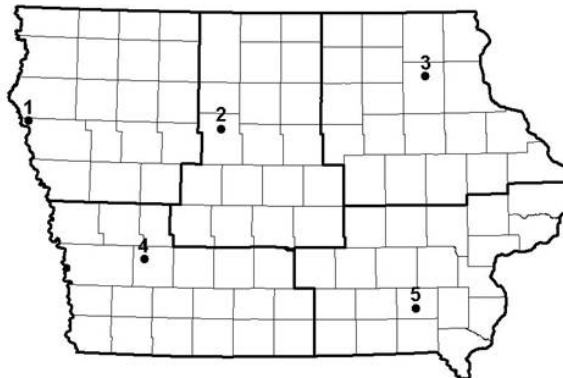Custom Seed Services
Ion Exchange

How Landowners Can Benefit from the Habitat Check-off+

- Annually, Iowans spend over 5 million dollars on native seed purchases.

- If every landowner were to request to participate in Habitat Check-off there would be over $500,000 in the Habitat Check-off Fund every year.

- At 50% cost-share there is potential for more than a million more dollars a year of upland habitat restoration and prairie restoration projects.

- The Habitat Check-off Program will be limited on CRP land. It will not be used to provide the landowner's share of a new enrollment into CRP.

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Habitat Check-off

Designed to promote high quality prairie restorations and wildlife habitat throughout Iowa

A partnership between
Pheasants Forever
Iowa Landowners
Iowa Seed Growers Association
Iowa Department of Natural Resources

How the Habitat Check-off Works

Private landowners, agencies or companies preparing to purchase native grass and forb seed from participating seed dealers should request to be enrolled in the Habitat Check-off by attaching the "HABITAT CHECK-OFF CERTIFICATE" with their order to any of the six participating Iowa Native Seed Producers. There is no cost to the landowner to participate in Habitat Check-off.

When a participating seed grower receives an order with a habitat check-off certificate the dealer deposits 10 percent of the total purchase into the Habitat Check-off Fund. This fund is shared 50-50 between the IDNR and PF.

The IDNR will use their portion of the fund to provide in-kind cost-share with private landowners, County Conservation Boards, Iowa cities and towns, and other landowners. Landowners wishing to improve wildlife habitat on their land by planting prairie will be able to enroll into a habitat agreement with the IDNR. The landowner should contact their local IDNR private lands staff for a wildlife habitat

improvement plan. The landowners will then receive a seed voucher redeemable at any of the participating dealers. The landowner will be required to match the value of the voucher they receive from IDNR with seed they purchase from a seed dealer. Seed purchased from one of the six participating Iowa Native Seed Producers will help perpetrate the Habitat Check-off Program and therefore, future habitat projects.

Landowners wanting to learn more about Habitat Check-off can contact their local Wildlife or Private Lands Biologist. Contact information can be found on the IDNR website at www.iowadnr.com. Click on the Wildlife link, then the Private Lands Management link or contact Angi Bruce at 712-769-2587.

Why You Should Participate in the Habitat Check-off

- Anyone can participate; Private Landowners, CCB's, Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Entirely voluntary
- Promotes high quality prairie restorations
- Promotes Iowa products
- Your participation helps generate prairie habitat funds

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Habitat Check-off Certificate

Present this certificate when you purchase seed from any of the Iowa Native Grass Dealers listed below and a percentage of each sale will go to the Iowa DNR Private Lands Program and to your local county Pheasants Forever Chapter for up-land habitat development and enhancement.

Landowner Name _____ Address _____

Farm Location: County _____ Township _____ Invoice Total_____

Support one of these Iowa native grass seed dealers.

Allendan Seed Company
1966 175th Lane
Winterset, IA 50273
515-462-1241

Osenbaugh Grass Seeds
11009 542nd St.
Lucas, IA 50151
1-800-LUCAS88

Custom Seed Service
26335 510th St.
Walnut, IA 51577
712-784-2430

Ion Exchange
1878 Old Mission Drive
Harpers Ferry, IA 52146
563-535-7231

Swanson Seed Farm
64905 190th St.
Nevada, IA 50201
515-382-6120

McGinnis Tree and Seed Co.
309 East Florence
Glenwood, IA 51534
712-527-4308